

RECOGNIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, in Arkansas, our law enforcement history runs deep. Take my hometown of Fort Smith, for example, where the U.S. Marshals Service played an integral part in shaping the city's unique role in our country's westward expansion. Many people in the area today find their family roots trace back to a U.S. Marshal.

From an early age we were taught about Judge Isaac Parker's efforts to bring order to Indian Territory, and great lawmen such as Deputy U.S. Marshal Bass Reeves helped lay the foundation that highlighted Fort Smith's chapter in the history of the U.S. Marshals Service. We have a lot to be thankful for as we honor these brave men and women as part of National Police Week.

May 15 marks Peace Officers Memorial Day. Each May during National Police Week we honor the men and women who died in the line of duty by adding their names to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

This year 321 names will be added to the memorial including Arkansas Department of Correction SGT Barbara Ester, who died in January 2012, and former Johnson County Sheriff John Hall Powers who was shot and killed while trying to stop a bank robbery in 1902.

The tradition of courageous public service is carried on today by the men and women who keep communities across the country safe 24 hours a day. They truly are on the front lines, walking some of the toughest beats in America, and keeping our streets safe.

More brave men and women opt to follow their lead in a career in law enforcement every day. I recently had the honor of handing out diplomas to graduates of the Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy in Pochahontas, AR. Graduates of this program follow different tracks in police work such as crime scene investigation, criminal training and police training with hands-on instruction and the currently available resources to allow for the best work possible. The program produced a great group of graduates who are excited to use the skills they learned in the field.

We recognize, not only during this week, but all year long, the devotion of the 900,000 law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line every day to make our communities safer.

Law enforcement faces unique challenges today and we are working to provide the best tools and training to prepare these men and women for unpredictable situations. As our world changes, so do the threats we face. The key to being equipped for these unexpected events is to prepare for these emerging threats. That is why a lot of law enforcement training today focuses on domestic terrorism. Look no further than the Boston Police Department that became the first line of defense

against terrorism during the Boston Marathon bombing.

In order to keep our communities safe, we are challenged to develop the newest training techniques and prepare for a wide range of incidents. We have great resources in Arkansas that provide our officers with advanced training.

I thank the law enforcement officers in Arkansas and across the country who dedicate their lives to protecting our children and communities and seek to bring criminals to justice. These heroes come to our rescue when we need help and I am committed to providing them with the tools and the resources they need to fulfill their responsibilities.

EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, today I wish to pay homage to the beautiful Town of Edenton, NC. I join its citizens, its friends, and city and State leaders in celebrating their historic 300th anniversary. Originally known as the Town on Queen Anne's Creek, Edenton was renamed after the death of the first man appointed by the Crown as "full" Governor of North Carolina, Charles Eden, in 1722.

The first Colonial Capital until 1743, Edenton citizens were widely known for their steadfast values and dedication to a free society. Edenton's Penelope Barker was the first woman to organize a political event in the colonies when she gathered women from the region to a petition to King George opposing taxation. The son of Edenton's James Iredell, Sr., was nominated by President George Washington to serve on the first U.S. Supreme Court, and was confirmed the very next day at only 38-years-old. Edentonian Hugh Williamson signed the U.S. Constitution and effectively argued for the inclusion of the Bill of Rights. Edentonians have long been a proud community committed to our Nation's founding principles.

The Chowan County Courthouse in Edenton is not only North Carolina's oldest courthouse, but also the State's oldest government building. It is still in use today. The impressive building, of southern Georgian architecture, was built in 1767 on a plot of land first surveyed in 1712. Today, it is recognized as a National Historic Landmark. One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Joseph Hewes, a long-time Edenton resident, was instrumental in making the courthouse a reality.

Thanks to the Town of Edenton, Chowan County, the Edenton Historical Commission, Chowan County Tourism Development Authority and many citizen leaders, the town's treasured historic sites remain healthy and preserved. These treasures not only serve to teach us about our Nation's rich heritage, but they also boost our economy and attract people interested in our Nation's history from around the world. These include the 1767 Court-

house, the Barker House, the Roanoke River Lighthouse, Edenton Cotton Mill, the Cupola House, and the second oldest church building in North Carolina, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.

Because of the community's tireless efforts to preserve its heritage and promote the arts and culture, I doubt anyone visiting Edenton today would be surprised to learn that it received the distinguished Forbes.com award as one of America's Prettiest Towns.

I am proud to join the entire Edenton community in congratulating them on this historic occasion.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL MICHAEL BARBERO

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the service of LTG Michael D. Barbero, the director of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, JIEDDO, who will retire from service on May 17, 2013.

Lieutenant General Barbero has honorably served his country for more than three decades. Since graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1976 as an infantry officer, LTG Barbero has commanded troops at every level. He is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, having served 4 years in Iraq over three separate tours. From 2003–2004, he served as the assistant division commander of the 4th Infantry Division. He next served in Iraq as the deputy chief of staff, Strategic Operations at Multi-National Force-Iraq during "the surge" in 2007 and 2008. Immediately prior to his time as director of JIEDDO, he was deployed in Iraq for a final time from 2009–2011. During this deployment, Lieutenant General Barbero was responsible for the training, equipping, and development of all Iraqi security forces and building the ministerial capabilities of both the Ministries of Interior and Defense, while serving simultaneously as the commander of Multi-National Security and Transition Command-Iraq and the commander of the NATO Training Mission-Iraq. Among his many decorations, Lieutenant General Barbero has been awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star Medal.

As chairman of the Near Eastern and South Central Asian Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I have worked closely with LTG Barbero in an effort to stem the flow of IED precursor materials from Pakistan into Afghanistan. These homemade explosive, HME, materials pose the biggest threat to our service men and women and are responsible for far too many casualties. Under General Barbero's leadership, JIEDDO has made significant strides in working with various departments, the inter-agency, the intelligence community, and the Government of Pakistan, to